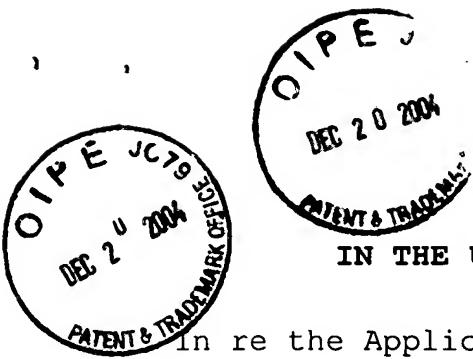


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In re the Application of:

Alexander M. McQueen

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO
PREVENT REPORTING MULTIPLE READS
OF OPTICAL CODED ITEMS

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
and
APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 5, 2004,
please amend the application identified above as follows:

Please amend the **Title of the Invention** to read as follows:

METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PREVENT REPORTING
MULTIPLE READS IN DATA READING SYSTEMS

Amendments to the Specification commence at page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims commence at page 3 of this paper.

Remarks commence at page 12 of this paper.

Amend paragraph [0006] to read as follows:

[0010] The present invention is directed to a system for and a method of preventing the reporting of multiple reads of optical data from tags or label via a data reader at the point of sale, the system being particularly useful for reading tags and labels such as optical codes affixed to weighable items and food items at the point of sale.